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April 2019 Story Ideas & Events

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Surrogate First Ladies

Thursday, April 4, 2019

4pm Reception

4:30 - 5:30pm Main Presentation

Harriet Lane was the first White House hostess to carry the title First Lady. But the niece of President James Buchanan was not the first, nor the last, of the "surrogate" First Ladies---a White House hostess not married to the President. St. Joseph's University's Dr. Katie Sibley talks about Harriet and the other esteemed "First Ladies," what made them important to American history, and whether they received the respect they deserve.

A light reception by the author will begin at 4pm on Thursday, April 4 at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Ave., Lancaster. The main presentation will begin at 4:30pm in Ryder Hall.

The program is free and open to the public but **requires advance registration to guarantee a seat at the presentation**. Register online at www.lancasterhistory.org/lectures or by calling (717) 392-4633. Questions and accessibility requests may be directed to info@lancasterhistory.org or (717) 392-4633.

LancasterHistory, 230 North President Avenue, Lancaster

We Must Avoid Catastrophe
Living History at Wheatland

Saturday, April 6**Tours at 1pm, 2pm, & 3pm**

It's April 1859. Troubles are mounting across the nation. At the same time, France is making mischief in Central America, and a proposed treaty with Mexico is on the ropes. President James Buchanan and First Lady Harriet Lane sit down with Attorney General Jeremiah Black, one of the President's closest friends and a native of York, PA, to talk it through. Learn more at this April Living History at Wheatland!

Advance reservations strongly recommended.

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Wampum Is Our Heart: Native American Medicine & Its European Reception in Penn's Woods**Hosted by the Edward Hand Medical Museum****Thursday, April 18****4pm Reception****4:30pm Main Presentation**

LancasterHistory is pleased to host the [Edward Hand Medical Museum](#) on Thursday, April 18 for *Wampum Is Our Heart: Native American Medicine & Its European Reception in Penn's Woods*. Dr. Marlene Arnold of Millersville University will describe Indian theories of disease and healing practices in 18th-century Pennsylvania. Learn how Europeans at the time embraced Native American medical knowledge, which was recognized as extensive and sophisticated, and actively sought Indian treatments.

To register for the event to guarantee a seat, please email executivedirector@edwardhandmedicalmuseum.org or call (717) 224-5119.

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Annual Wreath Laying & Buchanan Birthday Celebration**Saturday, April 27****10am Wreath Laying at Woodward Hill Cemetery****2-4pm Buchanan Birthday Celebration at LancasterHistory**

The 228th anniversary of President James Buchanan's birth will be commemorated on April 27, 2019, and will feature the annual presentation of the White House wreath at the President's grave site at Woodward Hill Cemetery starting at 10am.

Join the students and Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) of James Buchanan Elementary

School at President James Buchanan's Wheatland for a 228th Birthday Celebration. Free tours of the President's beloved home, Wheatland, are available from 2pm – 4pm with a tour beginning every 15 minutes from LancasterHistory's main building, and the last free tour beginning at 3:45pm. These tours will be led by Buchanan Elementary students as they interpret the history of Wheatland, James Buchanan, his family, and his life.

Both events are free and open to the public. A more in-depth press release will be disseminated in the near future.

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Storytime

Saturday, April 27, 2019

11am

Experience history through stories and hands-on activities! Join LancasterHistory as we introduce children to historic themes and read a book aloud. Then, stay for an activity or craft inspired by the day's theme. This hands-on learning opportunity broadens historical knowledge while establishing basic museum literacy and critical thinking skills.

On April 27, children will learn more about President James Buchanan and celebrate his 228th birthday together with a Buchanan-themed story and craft time.

This program is designed for children between the ages of 4 and 9, but all children are welcome. Storytime is free for kids and accompanying adults, but reservations are required.

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